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Teachers in aided elementary schools

* 75 *Q.*—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received by the Government that teachers in aided elementary schools that opted as non-fee-levying from 1st June 1959 need to be paid salaries as per the entries in their Service Registers; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Government have decided that there is no need to change the original order that these teachers should be allowed the pay last drawn by them as per the Service Register or the pay fixed in the Government scale whichever was less.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Did the Government take into consideration the representation of the teachers that the difference should be given as personal pay, because it was an actual deduction in what they were getting?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Now that the revised scale of pay is given, this should give satisfaction to all.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, since the Government themselves admit the entries in the service registers as attested by the departmental officers, will they not consider the justice behind the claim and see that no teacher's salary is reduced?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have already stated, and it was also announced, that we would give the Government scale of pay or the actual pay they were receiving, whichever was less. I do not think it would be justifiable on the part of the Government to undertake a greater liability.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, will the Government look into facts and figures, go through the representations, and then find out whether or not these teachers' salaries were actually reduced from the 1st June 1959 by this new formula of the Government?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : They were being paid by persons who were collecting fees, and I do not see why they alone should get a greater advantage than other teachers who have to serve in schools where no fees are levied. Now that the same pattern is being adopted, they should fall in line with other schools and no extra claim should be made.

Aided High School at Arkonam

* 76 *Q.*—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY,
Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN } : Will the Hon. Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that salaries of teachers have not been disbursed for some months in an Aided High school at Arkonam, North Arcot district;